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**■ JERICHO HOUSE:** First event to be held soon

## Plan finally becomes reality



WAYNE CAMPBELL, Staff Photo

Sister Jacque Keefe, left, and Brother Bill Carrothers stand in front of the main entrance and bell tower of the new Jericho House youth leadership, justice and spirituality centre on Rathfon Rd. in Wainfleet. The centre, inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie-style design, will have bells in the tower reflecting a Franciscan tradition of Felician Sisters.

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
InPort News

WAINFLEET — After 12 years of planning, land searches and fundraising, the new Jericho House is about to hold its first event.

Cleaning crews, painters, floor and furniture movers and kitchen and bathroom installers are rushing to complete the low-level building on Rathfon Rd.

It has to be ready for its inaugural leadership symposium on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

It will be held in partnership with King's University College, which is part of the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont.

"We have invited students from throughout the peninsula," said Brother Bill Carrothers, a Christian Brother and centre administrator.

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## ■ EXPANSION

# Incentives necessary to remain competitive: mayor

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After much deliberation recently, politicians voted 8-1 against exempting Jungbunzlauer Canada from development charges for a proposed 3,870-square-metre (43,000-square-foot) warehouse expansion.

The motion to exempt the city-imposed fees and support the exemption of regional development fees came from Mayor Vance Badaway, who was approached by the company with the request and the only person on council to support it.

There are bylaws and policies in place regarding business growth, he told council, but "we pride ourselves on being flexible to ensure growth occurs."

Development charges are applied to "pay for increased capital costs required because of increased need for services arising from the growth of the area," Badaway said.

The increased services can include road, public works, water and wastewater services.

**In the case of** Jungbunzlauer's expansion, Badaway said there are no growth-related costs. The project, he said, would require no increase in service levels at the municipal or regional level.

The warehouse will not require any modifications to public roads and there will not be any increase in truck traffic due to the building's construction, he said.

It will not increase potable water consumption and will not have any connections to the sanitary sewer.

"There is no question that development charges should be imposed ... but there are anomalies and exceptions," Badaway told council.

The city's development charges for the expansion amount to \$6,450, while the Region's charges total more than \$94,000 for the project.

City council decided in 2009 that it would not charge expansion up to 5,000 square feet on industrial development, which is why the development charges differ



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Port Colborne city council decided Monday night not to exempt Jungbunzlauer Canada from development charges for a warehouse expansion the company is pursuing.

so greatly from the municipality to the region, said Dan Aquilina, the city's director of planning and development.

"We've already exempted 1,000 square feet," said Ward 1 Coun. Doug Elliott. "They're down to one-ninth of their total bill and they want an exemption, I can't support that."

Badaway said the city has put forth many incentive packages through its various community improvement plans with hopes of stimulating growth in the community.

By approving the exemption, Badaway said council would be indicating to Jungbunzlauer and other companies "that we are flexible enough to consider anomalies."

What separates Port Colborne from other municipalities is the ability to offer incentives, "especially when those incentives have no impact on the taxpayer," he added.

"The message it sends is the City of Port Colborne is open for business, not only for current but future business."

Referring to council's decision to cap development charges at 5,000 square feet, Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele said, "I think we sent that message in."

"We're open for business but still need to garner funds for costs in the community."

Development charges are "the cost of doing business," Steele said, adding there are several local companies that have expanded and not asked for any exemptions.

"There are too many out there that will say 'I want my money back.' It's one for all or all for one," he told council.

Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner questioned whether the city could get the development charges back if the company decided to turn the warehouse into part of its production facility down the road.

Aquolina said that was not an option.

"I can see giving some cut in it, but a free ride for everything? I have a problem with that," Bodner said.

With 3 Coun. Bea Kenny questioned whether a \$94,000 exemption would "fly" at the Region, looking to regional Coun. David Barrick for an answer.

"I can't speak for the rest of regional council, but I would have some reservations with waiving that amount of money," Barrick said.

He said he's unsure what the precedent is for such circumstances but he has his concerns "given the budgetary restraints."

As it was his first time hearing about the request he said he could not endorse or oppose the proposal until he had more information.

Also on the agenda on Monday was a staff recommendation to develop a draft industrial community improvement plan, including financial incentives designed to encourage new industrial investments or expansions of existing industrial facilities.

The recommendation was approved by council.

Badaway later said that by bringing the Jungbunzlauer motion forward his intent was to accelerate the offering of the industrial property financial program that will eventually be established through the citywide community improvement plan.

The Region's Gateway Economic Centre and Zone Committee, of which Badaway is chair, also has been working on a similar incentive package to help secure existing industry and send the message to new industry that Niagara is walking the talk with respect to offering a robust incentive package," he said.

Badaway said there are indications that financial programs offered at the municipal level have been a factor in the site selection process for industry.

It is critical that we attach a robust incentive package to be globally competitive," he said.

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## ■ JERICHO



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

The design of the new Jericho House youth leadership, justice and spirituality centre on Rathfon Rd. in Wainfleet was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright.

## Developing justice, leadership and spirituality

FROM PAGE 1

Architects Inc., includes meeting space, a chapel, dining room, games room and 18 multiple occupancy bedrooms for one to three persons per room. It also meets the latest accessibility standards.

The forest and green space around it allows for peaceful solitude but also outdoor recreation such as walking, hiking, snowshoeing, cycling, swimming, bird watching, horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

"Young people enjoy the outdoor activities" as part of the contemplation atmosphere of the centre, Carrothers said.

He said the emphasis on developing leadership, justice and spirituality among young people makes the centre different from other similar centres in Niagara.

Justice includes both social and ecological, which is reflected in the building's site with its land and environment, he said.

Jericho Centre expects to draw groups from around Niagara, across Ontario and few international ones.

"We wanted to develop a centre that was attractive, flexible and in harmony with the environment," he said. "The building hugs the landscape."

Keefe and Carrothers recently moved into the Wainfleet centre from the former Felician Sisters convent on Beatrix St. in Welland. It served as the Jericho House's temporary home.

Keefe, who is a Felician Sister, said the convent was originally built in the 1950s to serve the teaching order, who taught at St. Peter and Paul and other area schools. It will go up for sale.

In keeping with the Felician's Franciscan tradition, the new Jericho House has a bell tower. The bells are to come.

More information about the centre is available on the website [www.jerichohouse.org](http://www.jerichohouse.org).

# portraits

■ OPERATIC SOCIETY: Exciting to work together

# Family affair

MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE** — Port Colborne Operatic Society's latest production has become a family affair.

The curtain will rise on musical comedy Irene early next month — and Melinda Fetz can't wait.

"Though it's not the first show she's taken on with the group, this one is particularly special for Fetz."

Not only does she play the title role as Irene O'Dare, but she's also able to work with some of her favourite local talents — her mother Debbie Tweedy and sister Tara Lister.

Tweedy has joined the production's chorus, while Lister does double duty as a member of the chorus and a dancer.

Knowing Lister's love for dance, Fetz quickly recruited her sister when she learned the production was in need of more dancers.

"We both danced growing up," Fetz says on the phone from her Stoney Creek home.

But dance was not the only art form that has flowed through the Tweedy household over the years.

Many of the family members were and still are involved in the arts — singing, dancing and performing — she says.

Fetz and Lister even have their own band — Sister Act — that performs regularly in Niagara, Hamilton and Toronto.

"It's fantastic to do this with my sister. I don't think I'd do it with anyone else and he gives us a niche," she says with a laugh.

"It's exciting that we've been

able to do so many things together. We're a close family," Fetz says, happy to again be involved in a project with her loved ones.

It's the perfect production for the family to take on, she says of the Irish comedy-musical, because it's "such a fun show."

The play centres around Irene, a "strong-minded, independent woman who's before her time," Fetz said. She finds herself immersed in a "Cinderella story" and comedy ensues, she adds.

While every show offers "a different energy," Fetz says Irene has been her best experience thus far.

"They're in it and I lead the thing," she says lightheartedly of her family and the production, adding the cast and crew have been phenomenal to work with. "I'm proud to be a part of this."

While Fetz has certainly enjoyed working with her family and new friends, it hasn't been all fun and games.

Readying for opening night of the production is a lot of work, a challenge Fetz says she, her mother and sister have all gladly welcomed.

She admits the drive from Stoney Creek several times a week has been a bit difficult, though spending time with her family and participating in what she calls a great show makes it worthwhile.

"I'm definitely glad we did it," she says.

For Lister, the best part of the entire experience is getting to see her sister more frequently. With rehearsals for the show twice a week and band



Port Colborne Operatic Society's latest production, Irene, keeps it all in the family. Pictured clockwise from front are Debbie Tweedy and daughters Melinda Fetz and Tara Lister, all who are a part of the Irish-comedy musical that debuts in February.

through the creative process will likely always be a part of the arts in some form, continuing a passion that has run in the family for generations.

"I can't see us stopping anytime soon."

For now, the family's focus remains on Irene and the production's quickly approaching opening night.

The show will take over

Lakeshore Catholic High School's auditorium on Feb. 19, 20, 26 and 27, as well as March 4, 5 and 6. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at Crew's Quarters, 192 West St., in Port Colborne.

For more information on Irene, visit [www.portcolborneoperaticociety.com](http://www.portcolborneoperaticociety.com).

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## Bringing everyone to the table

**T**ownship staff are working hard to get all parties in the wind turbine farm debate to the table before any final decisions are made by council regarding a moratorium on its development.

Alasdair Wyatt brought forward a motion calling for a moratorium last week and it is set to come before council this coming Tuesday.

Wyatt gave council, and residents in chambers, an explanation and rationale for it.

"I'm not here to talk about the merits or pitfalls of wind turbines and the need for green energy alternatives. I'm not here to approve or endorse policies or status issues by Queen's Park or Ottawa, whether I personally endorse them or not. I'm not here for the benefit of the Loeffens, nor the Pitts, or for that matter even the Wyatts, but rather I'm here for them all," said Wyatt.

He said decisions council must make have to be for the overall benefit of Wainfleet, on a long-term basis.

"I don't mean over the next four, 10 or 20 years, but over several generations."

Wyatt said his motion was for a halt on wind turbine development — not a stop. He said there are many questions he needs answered and studies done to determine if they are the right course for Wainfleet for now and generations to come.

We agree with Wyatt.

There are many questions that do need answers before council can make a decision on a moratorium.

Wainfleet needs to hear from both sides before the motion, which could be deferred when brought forward Tuesday, is passed.

One resident opposed to the wind farm development, a business which could be affected and wind farm proponents have all been before council.

Council has also set up a meeting at town hall on Feb. 23 where residents can make comments that will be passed on to the relevant provincial agencies.

But council needs a meeting to hear from each party and from more residents.

Whether that meeting can happen before this Tuesday is in doubt.

Hopefully it can take place before the Feb. 23 meeting.

These wind turbines will have an immediate and lasting impact on the township and all of the facts are needed before anything is forwarded.

And with many other municipalities in Ontario calling for moratoriums, maybe the province should stop and take a sober second look at whether they are worth it for future generations.

## I'VE BEEN THINKING

# Diamond Discipleship

PASTOR GARY TOMICUK

Wainfleet Congregational Christian Church

**W**hat comes to your mind when you think about diamonds? Some people would say that they are very expensive.

Others that they are beautiful and precious.

I would like to look at diamonds and then relate them to the multi-faceted dimensions of the Christian life.

Question: How can something that was originally black and shiny dirt with such beauty?

**1. PRESSURE** They were originally carbon something quite common but over heat, intense pressure and time they become very beautiful, very durable and very precious.

Pressure — we recoil from it, we all have it, and we all need it. It is only in the furnace of affliction that are divine silversmith burns off the dross until He can see His image in us. You are more precious to the Lord than a valuable gem, a sparkling stone, or a beautiful diamond is to us. You (if you are a Christian) have been redeemed not with silver or gold or any precious stones but with the precious priceless, blood of God's Son.

**2. PERSONALITY** You are like a priceless signet ring on God's finger. (Haggai 2 vs. 23). That is to you belong to God and He belongs to you.

## I'VE BEEN THINKING

# Whiling away your time in the waiting room

JEEVA SAM

Morgan's Point United Church

**E**ver endured an extended time of waiting that left you frustrated, angry, mad or just plain bored? Yours truly was forced to face four such periods in the short span of one week, consisting of (surprise, surprise), the health system.

The first episode was in the emergency department of a hospital, where the 15 minute wait to see the triage nurse was eclipsed by the ensuing 5 hour 15 minute wait for the doctor.

The next time, there was no wait to see the nurse, and the doctor showed up in 15 minutes, but I had to stay in a treatment room for six hours so a blood test could be repeated.

The third occasion was in Urgent Care, waiting for an encore performance of the

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are also told to repent as five of the seven churches in the Book of Revelation were told likewise.

**5. REVIVAL** With terrorism and evil rampant in this world, we certainly need God to heal our land.

**6. PRAYER** Prayer is probably the most important facet of discipleship. Prayer changes things, changes people, changes us. Christians are commanded to pray without ceasing and to recite and apply the Lord's Prayer.

**7. LOVE** Love must certainly be the crowning jewel in our discipleship. God so loved the world (John 3:16). We are told to love our enemies (Luke 6:27) to love our neighbours (Matthew 19:19) and to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Matthew 22:17).

Now these three things remain forever-ever-faith, hope and love but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor. 13:13).

I would say that love must be combined with Worship as they are both related and cannot be separated and will last forever.

The chief end of man is to glorify, (worship), God and to enjoy Him forever. He is God, He is the one before whom everyone will fall down and sing from every tribe, language, people and nation confessing that He is Lord and worthy of all Glory, Honour and Power.

Can you say I want to be disciple? Not of wood, hay or stubble, but a diamond, A sparkling, brilliant beautiful ring.

A diamond discipline.

same blood test and a doctor to check the result. Wait time? Only four hours.

Finally, while dropping off some specimens at a lab, the receptionist made me wait for 30 minutes, while I stood like a statue directly in her line of vision. Got to give her credit for masterfully avoiding any eye contact with me at that time, not exactly an easy feat.

How long did I stand when you are asked to wait? Here is my log:

The first time I was simply exhausted and uncomfortable from sitting on a hard chair (rather than a soft bed) in the wee hours of the morning. A few catnaps helped break up the monotony. As lengthy as the wait was, I was able to endure well, as I looked forward to eventually seeing a doctor and obtaining some relief from my distress.

Since I was feeling much better physically the next time, the wait was actually boring until my wife came along.

and provided me with pleasant company, praise God.

In anticipation of a possibly extensive period, I took a book with me to Urgent Care, although I must admit that I did not expect to get through 100 pages.

Ironically, the wait that infuriated me the most was the shortest of them all. Since I did not really expect to wait at all, the best thing I could do was guard and make my blood boil.

As I analyzed my responses, I became aware of how much walking is part and parcel of our lives.

Whether periods of waiting last only a few hours or range in length from days to years and even decades, whether we're waiting for another person to act or for God to answer prayer, I believe that those facts of life that I learned from my four episodes apply:

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**readers' views****Acts of kindness unreported**

Liz Seger is correct that we should be horrified at the news a 66-year-old woman froze to death in Toronto when nobody answered her calls for help. But I disagree with her conclusion that our society is becoming less empathetic and compassionate. Stories such as this are news because they are such aberrations from our usual behaviour. If a bystander had come to her aid, we never would have heard about the poor woman. Day-to-day acts of kindness, and there are thousands of them, are rarely reported in the media.

**David Fowler**  
Wainfleet

**This rose has thorns**

About the rose you are giving Vance Badaway and Tim Hudak (The Tribune, Jan. 21) for backing a new highway so that Niagara Region's "Grow South" push can be realized to develop land in the region versus "prime agricultural lands in the north." As if there are no agricultural lands in the south.

I would like to add what you wish for is all I can say. Seems to me politicians are spending money we do not have instead of taking good care of what we do. One has only to look around and read about what needs to be done.

Time for us not to rely so much on governments which after all are

funded by us, but rather to use our many talents. There are lots of jobs here; don't let them fool or bully you.

**Pat Cusack**  
Wainfleet

**Council did what it was elected to do**

Wainfleet's new council continued to deliver on their election promises and voted on a bylaw to repeal the one adopted by previous council to support the Region's Big Pipe project. They deserve credit for following through quickly and so effectively. We can only hope that those at regional council, who have been so easily let off the hook to promise "funding" neither they, nor provincial or federal governments can afford, are grateful enough to accept this and move on to support Wainfleet as they move ahead and plan on local site solutions that ever improving modern technology offers.

The only bizarre part of the evening resulted from council offering a Wainfleet resident the courtesy of appearing as a last minute delegate and being permitted to bypass normal protocol.

The presentation was no more than a criticism of the council for running their campaigns, being elected and delivering on their election promises to withdraw Wainfleet's support for the Big Pipe.

So bizarre that the only comment I heard after the meeting was to ask the simple question, "Where had this delegate been for the past five or six years?"

The delegate posed questions, many of them, that had been asked over and over again in recent years and which were directly related in this council before it was elected, in doing exactly what they have done.

Personally, as a retiree on a declining pension income, I took great exception to being told that rather than spend money on my own onsite septic and water supply issues as my own responsibility I would have been better off paying additional federal, provincial and

regional taxes to offset an unaffordable multi-million Servicing Project. Paying a connection fee to the region?

Paying to have my home and property piped and re-plumbed to accept these new services. Paying to have my septic and well, if I had one, decommissioned. And finally, looking forward to the increasing property taxes that would include water and sewer charges.

Then to add insult to injury I was told it was not a problem if

I couldn't afford it. Repayments could be made by a 20 or 30 year mortgage process, or a fee added to my property taxes. Thanks, but "no thanks."

Why anyone would prefer to take on a huge, unaffordable, and up to 30 year community debt, rather than allow property owners to accept a considerably less and more affordable onsite cost to fix, replace and repair is a total mystery to me.

**Andrew Watts**  
Wainfleet

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■ SHOW: Faye Bean and her orchestra are at the pit of Port Colborne Operatic Society's production, Irene

# Music please, Maestro!

In theatre, the play's the thing...then how about musicals?

Surely, the music's the thing.

And when the Port Colborne Operatic Society (PCOS) kicks off its annual show later this month — staging the modern-day Cinderella story Irene — music director Faye Bean will again be down in the pit conducting the music ensemble.

It's a job she relishes as she celebrates her 10th show in the director's music chair. Faye, 66, joined the Broadway-musical-producing PCOS in 1987 as a chorus performer.

"Music is in my blood," she says over the phone from the Ridgeway home she shares with husband Ron. "I'm not a trained musician. I took a few lessons as a child and then took some tap and jazz dance lessons later, in my adult years."

But her love of music came to her early in life and she sang, whether it was in the church choir or later as a



**George Duma**  
BY GEORGE

member of the Robert Wood Singers for 15 years. Faye was also a music teacher in the public school board, most recently at Fort Erie Elementary School before she retired a number of years ago. And on top of her work with PCOS, she is a member of the Port Colborne Lite Singers.

Back when Faye joined PCOS 23 years ago, many of the cast members were Robert Wood Singers alumna. "Anything Goes was my first show," she recalls. And she hasn't looked back since.

There were a couple of years when Faye went back to university as an adult and was taking night courses on Wednesdays, PCOS's rehearsal nights, so she opted out of those shows as a chorus member. But she didn't stray far from the organization.

"I still helped during that

time," she recalls. "I was an usher on show nights and I helped with costuming."

Faye's highlight to this day remains the PCOS production of My Fair Lady in 2003, a magical show that starred Tracy Mitchell as Eliza Doolittle and my brother-in-law Barry Snider as Prof. Henry Higgins. The show focuses on the transformation of peasant girl Eliza into a "lady" under the guidance of Higgins.

"It was my first experience as the music director," Faye says, "so that made it really special." But it also because of the show, I just love the costuming, the story, and the characters. I always wanted to be Eliza Doolittle on stage."

Of course, there have been other highlights. The 60th anniversary dinner-theatre show at the Italian Hall a few years ago comes to mind, a show in which Faye performed.

"That show was a lot of fun. I sang Shall We Dance? from The King and I. She also performed Can't Help Lovin' That Man from Show Boat.

This year's show, Irene,



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Port Colborne Operatic Society music director Faye Bean will again be down in the pit conducting the ensemble for the upcoming production of Irene.

will see Faye's professional orchestra members reunite as they do every year, thanks to an annual grant from Port

Colborne Hydro. And, as has been the tradition the last few years, two students will join the ensemble and play

in the orchestra pit with the professionals.

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■ DUMA

# People behind the scenes make it happen on stage

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The band members, all from the Niagara area, include Steve Peties on bass; Marshal Bureau on drums; Marco Lalama on clarinet and alto sax; Alan Dohn on piano; Jean Biller on keyboards; percussion and special effects; Christina Servos on first violin; and Liz Sanjo on second violin.

This year's two students will be Jeremy Blanchard and Christina Romeo.

While each show presents its own set of challenges, Faye claims a 2009 production of *The Melody Lingers On*, the story of Irving Berlin, as being the most musically challenging show she has ever faced.

"There were 15 chorus numbers," she says, "and we were just constantly playing, virtually without a break, the entire show. Even when there wasn't something happening on stage, we were playing

musical interludes for the set changes. It was by far the most difficult show I've ever done."

It may all sound easy to the audience, the music emanating from the front of the auditorium, but to the musicians and conductor Faye, following a show's flow from the stage to the pit is hard work.

"People don't realize how difficult it is," she says. "We are constantly listening to cue lines that tell us what our next move is."

She uses a case in point from the current production of *Irving Berlin*.

"There's a scene where Jamie (long-time PCOS favourite Mowat, who plays Madame Lucy in the show) lifts a needle from a record. Well, with split-second timing, we have to stop playing. And then we have to watch for that exact moment when he puts the needle back down on the record."

As we read about a show's stars and the often fairy-tale-like story that is a musical, it becomes easy to overlook all the people who make it happen behind-the-scenes, whether it's the set builders, the lighting crew, the make-up artists or the folks responsible for costumes.

And it's also easy to at times simply listen to the beautiful melodies coming from the giant hole in front of the stage and forget there are incredibly talented human beings down there creating those sounds.

The PCOS does, after all, produce musicals, I point out.

"Well, I guess it would be pretty difficult to stage a musical without music," Faye replies with a self-deprecating laugh. Indeed. □□□

Irene will be staged in the

auditorium of Lakeshore Catholic High School Auditorium. All seats for all performances are reserved at \$18 per ticket. Performance dates are Feb. 19-20, 26-27 and March 4-5-6. While Crew's Quarters on West Street, 905-834-5921, is the Society's official ticket agent, tickets are also available by calling the following numbers: Port Colborne

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■ NOTICE: Motion to come forward on Tuesday

# Turbines generate talk on Wainfleet moratorium

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News

WAINFLEET — The township wants to hear from proponents and opponents of wind turbines before a proposed moratorium on them is passed.

Two weeks ago, Ald. David Wyatt gave notice he would be bringing forward the moratorium motion after hearing from IPC Energy, developers of a wind farm for the Loeffen family of Wainfleet, and from Skydive Burnaby, its owners Mike and Tara Pitt who have concerns over towers near its drop zone.

Before he brought forward the motion last week, Wyatt gave council, and residents in chambers, an explanation and rationale for it.

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— glass windows. Neither side has fully explained the pros and cons for Wainfleet that I have seen or heard. My concern is to look after the interests of Wainfleet, other interested parties beyond that are secondary."

The alderman also spoke about Skydive Burnaby and its attraction in terms

of tourism for the townships and the business it generates. He said the perception the wind turbines are dangerous to skydivers could cause many to stay away and hurt the business.

Wyatt said property values, which he said he believes are far beyond what they should be, could also be affected and that in turn could hurt the township in terms of its tax base.

"If people want to sell me on the benefits of wind turbines in Wainfleet, convincing me that they are an economic benefit to us, along with our goals and aspirations as a community, that our recreation and tourism business can grow and develop, that our tax revenues will actually increase not decrease. If you want to be part of the community, it has to be a win-win relationship, not you win, we lose."

Wyatt said his motion was for a halt on wind turbine development — not a stop. He said there are many questions he needs answered and studies done to determine if they are the right course for Wainfleet for now and generations to come.

Ald. Ted Hessels agreed with Wyatt, but wanted to have a meeting where wind turbine proponents and opponents could speak and an open mic session where people could ask questions.

"I want to get all sides and see what Wainfleet really wants. We're getting pulled both ways here," said Hessels, who wanted the meeting before Wyatt's motion was brought forward.

Wyatt's motion will come before council at its Tuesday, Feb. 8 meeting.

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**WAYNE CAMPBELL**  
Staff Photo  
Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs, front, made her first official visit to E.L. Crossley Secondary School last Saturday for the rowing club's annual pasta dinner. Jeffs, who was elected in the October municipal election, is a graduate of the secondary school which serves Wainfleet. Beside her is Debbie Wilkes.



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## The Birth Control Pill

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There are a number of different types of pills. They all contain the same type of estrogen. Newer pills have less estrogen than older pills. Newer pills are effective in preventing pregnancy and they demonstrate reduced symptoms of bloating and breast tenderness. The lower dose pills may be less effective if one pill is missed. If an individual goes for longer than seven days in a pill free interval that is when they are at most risk of pregnancy. This means it is very important to take the last pill and the first pill of a cycle. There are some recommendations that a pill with a higher dose of estrogen should be used in women weighing over 154 pounds for increased effectiveness.

Pills differ in the type of progestin they contain. Some pills are particularly effective for improving acne. Diane 35 is used to treat moderate to severe acne. Yaz is used for mild to moderate acne. There may be a very small increased risk of forming a clot on these pills, and so pills such as Alesse and Marvelon can be tried first.

Some pills are monophasic, meaning they have constant levels of estrogen and progesterone. Others have changing levels of progesterone. Both types of pills are effective, the only difficulty with a triphasic pill is that it is not ideal to be taken without a pill free interval. If an individual wants to take their pills back to back to avoid a period, they may still get a period with the triphasic pill.

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Patients should be aware that some medications can decrease the effectiveness of the pill. Rifampin, barbiturates, phenytoin and carbamazepine can all decrease effectiveness. Experts say that antibiotics are unlikely to reduce efficacy of the pill.

The pill is a good tool for treating a myriad of issues. It can prevent pregnancy, clear acne, regulate and lighten cycles. There is a number of options when it comes to the type of pill you take to address each of these concerns. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to determine the right one for you.

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Angina is your body's way of telling you that your heart is not receiving adequate amounts of blood or oxygen. In Mel's case, there was a build-up of plaque in the arteries around his heart, blocking blood flow. A common ailment called hardening-of-the-arteries, these blockages were cutting off the blood supply causing his heart to work much



harder. The dizziness, fatigue and numbness was an indication he was suffering from poor circulation.

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■ TEETER KENNEDY: Arena to close in March

# Northern township wants Port Colborne's arena leftovers

MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News

PORTE COLBORNE — One town's trash is another town's treasure.

With the closure of Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena scheduled for March, city staff have been working to create an inventory of items at the facility that can be sold or used in Port Colborne's new health and wellness centre,

engineering and operations director Ron Hanson told council recently.

The issue was brought up as the city had received a letter from Glynn Robinson, reeve of the small township of McMurrich/Monteith in northern Ontario.

Robinson wrote to Mayor Vance Badaway and city council in hopes of salvaging the rink boards and

glass from the arena before it is demolished. A natural weather ice pad with a roof over top was recently constructed for the 700-person community in the District of Parry Sound.

Plywood boards with chain link fencing over top currently surround the pad. "We should allow the township to take these items," said Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele.

As long as the boards and glass are removed and transported at the township's expense, it would cost Port Colborne nothing to offer this "good gesture" to the McMurrich/Monteith community, he said.

Once tender for Port Colborne's health and wellness centre is approved by council, demolition of Teeder Kennedy Arena will soon

follow, Steele said, giving the city only a few weeks to part with the facility.

"We have to be ready to take out what we need," he added.

Badaway said the city should try to sell what it can from the arena, putting any sales revenue toward the new project.

Steele agreed that if the boards and glass can be

sold, they should be, but if the items are going to be left in the arena for demolition, he'd much rather them go to McMurrich/Monteith.

He put forward a motion, which was passed by council, that items be used in the arena either be used in the new facility, sold or given away, but not left as part of the demolition when avoidable.

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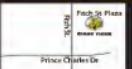
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## Changes are coming



April Jeffs  
MAYOR'S  
COLUMN

**A**lthough it's already February, on behalf of myself and council I would like to start this column by wishing everyone a Happy New Year with hopes of a wonderful and prosperous 2011.

The year started off on a positive note as we hosted the annual New Year's Eve on January 8 in council chambers.

Over 80 people attended to discuss various issues and concerns within the township. It gave our newly formed council a great opportunity to listen and begin to address items being brought before us. It was also wonderful to meet and visit with people we had missed along the campaign trail.

We were very pleased with the attendance and response from the community and are anticipating hosting a similar event during the summer months to offer residents an opportunity to follow up and to encourage our many seasonal residents to come out and meet with us during the time that they spend here in Wainfleet.

Changes are coming to garbage and recycling collection services in our region, particularly to Wainfleet. Weekly garbage collection will include one additional bin and Wainfleet will now receive green bin organic collection. We anticipate the green bins being delivered to homes starting in mid February. More information about the changes is available on our website: [www.wainfleet.ca](http://www.wainfleet.ca).

Also at the regional level we recently had our first week of standing committee meetings and are currently in the middle of budget review. Recently regional council voted on a motion to amend the procedure by-law to allow deferrals to come before council once again instead of directing them to the standing committees.

The township has joined the social network and

created a Facebook page and Twitter account which will soon be linked to the township website. Its purpose is to provide the most up to date information that can be accessed by members and followers in real time. We can keep Wainfleet "in the loop" with updates related to road closures, community and sports events, etc. I think this will engage residents.

Wainfleet recently enlisted the services of FG Jallinger Associates Consulting company that will help the Township draft a Recreation Master Plan. The purpose of this type of plan is to help us better understand what direction the Township should take with regard to recreational needs. These consultants will work with a steering committee and engage the community through public meetings and visioning exercises similar to those held during the official plan review. While reading the proposal from this firm I realized that they have already recognized some of the wonderful features and assets that Wainfleet has to build on. Combining that with help and direction from our community will help us to achieve a recreation plan that benefits everyone.

The Wainfleet Agricultural Society hosted their annual meeting in January and elected their new board and announced the theme for the 2011 Fall Fair; Sunflowers - Watch Us Grow. The fair team is already discussing many ideas for the fair for September, and I anticipate that this year's fair will be the best yet. And just to note, while most country fair's attendance is decreasing, Wainfleet's is on the rise. Something to be very proud of.

And finally, our council voted in January to repeal a by-law from 2005 that supported sewer/water infrastructure along the lakeshore as the preferred solution. This motion also included a request from the region to assist the township with the implementation of on-site septic inspection and maintenance program.

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■ AUTONET: 2012 Volkswagen Passat

# VW passes on the European Passat

JOE DUARTE  
QMI Agency

Volkswagen has unveiled a new larger Passat for 2012, with plans to build the new sedan in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

For the new Passat, the folks at Volks wanted a larger, premium sedan over the European Passat

introduced in Paris in fall 2010, because it would fit better with the tastes and lifestyles of Americans, yet they also wanted to preserve the handling characteristics for which VWs are known.

The looks are in keeping with the recently introduced Jetta but with a grille design that is more upright and three-dimensionally sculpted.

Also, the rear window finishes off a coupe-like roof sweep, reminiscent of the Passat CC (no word on whether that model will continue).

Inside, chrome trimmed gauges

surround a digital multifunction display, with bright trimwork also applied to the headlight knob, emergency brake handle button, and around the vents and audio, navigation and HVAC systems.

On all but the base Passat trim, chrome accents can also be found on the window, mirror adjustment and trunk opening switches.

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■ AUTONET

# Suite of features enhance what VW offers in its Passat

FROM PAGE 15

Power is provided by one of three engines: a responsive 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine that puts out 170 hp and 177 lb.-ft. of torque, the eco-friendly 2.0-litre four cylinder turbodiesel or the 3.6-litre narrow angle V6. The standard transmission with the four cylinder engines is a five-speed manual, the VR6 uses the six-speed dual clutch

transmission (DSG), which is also optional with the diesel. The optional tranny with the 2.5 is a six-speed automatic with sequential shift.

There's been no official announcement to whether Passat will continue with the V6 Canada Trendline, Comfortline and Highline trims, but all will aim to provide first-in-class safety and comfort.

Included in the suite of

safety features is Volkswagen's Enhanced Intelligent Crash Response Systems, which shuts off fuel supply and high consumption electronic equipment, unlocks doors, disconnects from the alternator and switches on the four-way flasher in the event of a serious collision. Other safety features include a tire pressure monitoring system, electronic stability control, ABS with braking assist-

tant, Hill Climb Assist (with manual transmission), and six airbags.

For comfort, Passat gets a significantly larger rear seating area with best-in-class legroom, automatic climate control, power windows, air conditioning, cruise control, outside temperature display with frost warning, MP3-capable radio with external audio input and Bluetooth connectivity.

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## ■ MATTHEWS

# Interim CEO stands behind the hospital's controversial HIP

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In particular, she will oversee how the NHS establishes its "centres of excellence" that were created by its hospital improvement plan, better known simply as HIP.

Services that were once found in several NHS facilities are being consolidated into single sites. Regional maternity services, for example, will be located in the new hospital under construction on Fourth Ave. In

St. Catharines and cataract eye surgery will move to Welland.

The move has not been popular with some patients who resent having to travel to another city for services that were once right next door.

Mathews says the NHS wants to provide state-of-the-art treatment for patients. But doing so isn't cheap.

Using eye surgery as an example, Mathews says it isn't feasible to provide top

flight services at multiple sites.

"We want to have the best, most up to date laser eye machine for example," she said.

"But we cannot do that for every site. So we either have the best machine, or we can get several machines that aren't as good. For me, it comes down to the quality of care for patients."

While she looks forward to bringing the centres of excellence to life, Mathews will have to contend with

**As a nurse, I would not stand behind the HIP if I did not believe it would improve patient care."**

Sue Mathews  
Interim president and CEO,  
Niagara Health System

rooms in Port Colborne and Fort Erie into urgent care centres.

Politicians and some doctors did not care for the changes and still lobby to restore the past. Last week, for instance, Fort Erie town council created a hospital committee with a mandate to pressure the NHS to restore its ER.

Mathews says she understands the passion people feel over the issue, but no one should expect the HIP to change course now.

The HIP, she says, is here to stay.

"There may be tweaks along the way, but there will be no major change to the HIP. In that respect, the HIP is what the HIP is," she says. "Health care is a very emotional issue for everyone. But the fact is that we cannot be all things to all people in all places. It's just not possible."

"As a nurse, I would not stand behind the HIP if I did not believe it would improve patient care," she adds.

## ■ WAITING

## Some helpful tips to make your lengthy waits pass by more comfortably

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1. It is easier to endure waiting when you expect it than when you don't. Therefore, always make allowance for a wait, even when you don't anticipate

one.

2. Do something meaningful while you wait (such as reading a book).

3. Invite others to be with you while you wait.

4. Waiting is more bearable, when you can

look forward to a particular outcome (e.g. doctor providing relief).

As a Christian, I also take comfort from knowing that God is involved in our waiting and makes good come out of it.

Here are two verses that make this very clear:

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

"Those who wait upon

the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

God also provides us with resources to endure — a book

called the Bible, others in our lives a.k.a. the Church and a precious gift called hope, which leads to an audience with the Great Physician himself at the end.

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